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The *University of California* has announced that it is instituting an annual flu vaccine mandate on top of its existing COVID-19 vaccine mandate, forcing students, faculty, staff and other academic appointees to open themselves up to the many dangerous side effects of the jab.

The new mandate applies to all nine of its campuses, including UC Berkeley, UCLA, and UC San Francisco. Although the deadline set by the university system for compliance is not until December 1, UC San Diego (UCSD) moved its deadline to November 18. Students were notified of the mandate on November 8, giving them just 10 days to comply.

Those who fail to get the flu shot must join those who were unwilling to get the COVID-19 vaccine in wearing masks and submitting to routine testing. The university's policy requires those affected by the mandate to "(i) receive Vaccine Education concerning influenza and vaccination as a preventive measure; and (ii) receive or affirmatively decline influenza vaccination," according to an announcement by UC San Diego.

The policy states: "Covered Individuals who are not vaccinated must observe additional Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions (NPIs) (e.g., masks or specialized personal protective equipment; routine testing) as directed by the Location

Vaccine Authority (LVA) to mitigate risk to members of the University community, patients, and others with whom they interact.”

UCSD is blaming “lax masking and social distancing” for rising flu cases there, even though there is little evidence that masking and social distancing help. This is despite the fact that masking is currently required in the university’s classrooms and clinical areas as well as on university transportation.



They are also doubling down on the guilt trip “greater good” rhetoric that was used to coerce people into getting COVID-19 shots, saying in the policy: “Finally, by getting vaccinated, a person can protect those around them, including those who are more vulnerable to serious flu illness.” Like COVID-19, flu vaccines do not stop people from contracting the virus or spreading it.

## Some colleges are dropping mandates, while others are doubling down

Although many institutions of higher education around the nation have been easing their COVID-19 vaccine policies, others are remaining steadfast in violating students’ health freedom.

A law group in Long Island is currently preparing to file a lawsuit against a COVID-19 booster mandate at *Fordham University*. The university sent an email in late September informing students, staff and faculty that they must have their COVID-19 primary series as well as two boosters by November 1; those who fail to comply will be “barred, disenrolled or dismissed.”

Mermigis Law Group Senior Partner James Mermigis pointed out that the move is a breach of an implied contract as the announcement came after everyone had

already paid their tuition and started the semester.

He told the *Bronx Times*: “If Fordham continues with this, they’re conducting a science experiment on these students. This is ridiculous, it’s overkill, it’s almost three years (since) COVID began.”

Fordham is the only college in New York state requiring updated boosters for faculty, staff and students.

*Yale University* issued a mandate on October 27 ordering students to receive bivalent COVID-19 boosters by the beginning of the spring 2023 semester, but the mandate there does not apply to faculty and staff. The university set up mobile booster vans the following week to issue COVID-19 boosters and flu shots.

Chief Quality Officer at Yale Health Madeline Wilson told the *Yale Daily News* that if cases rise significantly, indoor masking could be required, along with other public health measures.

Unfortunately, these campus vaccine mandates are becoming all too common, and it won’t be surprising to see lots of other vaccines added onto them in the years to come.

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